



Newsletter

Edgewater Glen Association

May, 2011

Out and About in and Around the Glen

Edgewater Glen is alive again with the onset of spring and a multitude of **people, plants, and pets popping up all over**. We made it through a rough winter, which saw only a few of our neighbors on a few occasions, planting their lawn chairs, cardboard boxes, boards, etc. In the street in front of their houses. Who can blame them after spending hours shoveling themselves out? We all wish there was a better way of doing it.

There is a new store called "Likity Split" opening sometime soon at the Southwest Corner of Glenlake and Broadway. We are all eager to sample the frozen custard that is reportedly the featured item. A new second-hand shop has opened up in the former tile store behind the "Patio" at Norwood and Broadway. Always a good sign when vacant store fronts become occupied.

There is speculation that a developer is looking a Northeast corner of Glenlake and Broadway. The nature of the proposed development is unknown. EGA will keep everyone posted via our email list if news develops.

The city is designing a new Edgewater branch library to replace the existing building at Broadway and Elmdale. A public meeting was held on April 26 to give the neighborhood a look at the design of the new building. (A rendering can be found on the web site of the Public Building Commission.). **Construction is about to begin and amazingly, the recent meeting was the first opportunity for public comment.** Many objections were raised at the meeting. Most who spoke objected to a driveway (curb-cut) across the sidewalk along Broadway, preferring that parking being accessed via the alley, as it has for the past forty years. Another concern is the loss of our library for 18 months while the new building is built. People asked for an interim facility, perhaps located at the Broadway Armory. And a number of people asked that the building be sited along Broadway with parking in the back, rather than along Elmdale with the parking lot open to Broadway. There were calls by some for saving the two-story commercial

building just north of the present library. That building is scheduled to be demolished.

Did You Know.... That our neighborhood has a very high "walk score?" Visit walkable.com and enter your address. You will see that we are way above the national average. Perfect score is 100 and we tend to rank in the 90s, with our 12 hundred block addresses hitting 97%. Just about everything we need is within walking distance. Take advantage of that.

Get Ready...Here Comes the Annual Edgewater Glen All Neighborhood Garage Sale

The date is Saturday, June 4. The event will happen, as in past years, rain or shine. We have been lucky in past years as it has been mostly sunshine on that first weekend in June. The sale is actually much bigger than just our neighborhood and extends to the areas north and south of us. It has been going on, one way or another for 17 years. Your registration fee covers the cost of all advertising and promotion. We also obtain licenses for all participants. The city of Chicago requires that all sellers be licensed. This is what you need to do to participate.

- **Write your name, street address and telephone number on a 3x5 card.**
- **Indicate if your sale will be in front yard or garage.**
- **Write a check for \$10.00, payable to Edgewater Glen Assn, and drop it with your 3x5 card in the mail slot of Steve Meiss at 1242 West Hood. smeiss@ameritech.net DEADLINE for registration is May 31.**

Join Our EGA Yahoo Email Group

Important community information is now mostly distributed only via email. If you are not currently getting Edgewater Glen Yahoo emails you are out of the loop. These emails actually served to thwart crime last summer. EGA emails about window-screen-slashing

burglaries caused a resident to close and lock their windows when not home. They subsequently reported that they had had a burglary attempt via screen-slashing, but because their windows were now shut and locked, the burglar couldn't easily get in and evidently abandoned the attempt.

Joining the EGA Yahoo email is easy. Just send a blank email to edgewaterglen-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and you should get a reply with instructions for joining. Again, a more informed community is a safer community

Burglary Prevention is Your Responsibility

Unoccupied residences with unlocked doors and windows provide easy access for burglars and give our neighborhood a reputation for being an easy mark, thus emboldening criminals even more as we experienced late last summer.

Please lock your doors and windows, especially when you are gone from home. Many burglaries happen because the burglars can just walk right through an unlocked door! You should keep an eye out for suspicious activity or unknown persons lingering about yours or your neighbor's properties. Particularly be alert to back yards which may not be easily visible from the street and call 911 if you witness suspicious activity.

EGA NEEDS YOUR HELP-To keep our neighborhood safe, strong, and proactive toward issues that affect us we need volunteers to help with the newsletter, membership, etc. All EGA residents are invited to attend our monthly board meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at the Care for Real office at 6044 N. Broadway.

Yard waste will be picked up every other week, April through November, the same week as your Blue Bin recycling pick-up. The city requests that yard waste (no rocks, gravel, or dirt) be collected in paper or semi-transparent blue plastic bags and placed next to the black trash bins.

EGA Spring Plant Swap will be held Saturday May 28th from 10am til noon in the back yard of good neighbor Sue Green at 1420 W. Glenlake, weather permitting. Spring is a good time to divide hostas, ferns, and any other plants you'd like to share. Even if you don't have any extra plants, please come & meet your gardening neighbors. We usually have leftovers that need a home. Hope to see you!

EGA Parkway Corner Rebate Program-Help beautify our neighborhood by adopting a parkway corner. We've got some corner spaces that could use some attention and EGA will help with the cost of any new plantings with up to \$100 matching funds with pre-approval. We'll reimburse you for 50% of your plant purchases up to \$100 maximum matching funds per corner with pre-approval and that includes annuals, bulbs, perennials, groundcover, shrubs & vines. For pre-approval, parkway corner availability, or more information please phone Kim Kaulas at 773-761-3668 or email kaulas@rcn.com.

Call 311 for graffiti removal, block party permits, garage sale permits, dead or damaged trees, to report street issues like abandoned vehicles, illegally parked cars, alley\street light issues or broken water mains.

Call to Old-Time Edgewater Glen Residents

Remember the Edgewater Glen street signs we had back in 1981 through about 1984? Because we're proud of our neighborhood and feel that our Edgewater Glen neighborhood nickname is distinctly advantageous, we're a little offended when the name is used for a nearby development that is not within our Edgewater Glen boundaries. That is one of the reasons EGA is investigating commissioning 'Edgewater Glen' signs for our neighborhood once again, like what we had back in 1981 through about 1984. Does anyone have any information about the signs back then-what they looked like? While we're not necessarily interested in exact replicas of those old signs, we'd be interested in any details anyone might remember about them. Even better-if someone had any old block club photos where one of the signs might have been captured in the background-that would be wonderful. If you have any reminisces you'd like to share on this subject please contact Kim Kaulas at 773-761-3668, kaulas@rcn.com.

Poison free yards and lawns

Edgewater Glen has many beautiful gardens and we'd also like to recognize those properties that are contributing to our communities' safety by avoiding all chemical pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, 'weed and feed' products, chemical sprays, or any product with 'kill' in it's description. These are all harmful to humans, pets, and wildlife. For more info check out:

www.beyondpesticides.org
www.safelawns.org
www.toxicfreenc.org

Why You Should Join the EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION (EGA) Today

Edgewater Glen Association serves residents of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood and the south side of Granville, bounded by Clark on the west and Broadway on the east.

For thirty years, EGA has worked vigorously to preserve and improve the great qualities of the Edgewater Glen Neighborhood. EGA represents resident's interests at public forums, maintains and works to improve relationships with the area's elected officials and acts as an area advocate on critical issues. From time to time, we have mobilized our neighborhood to fight to maintain the quality of life that brought us here in the first place. We are continuously working to create "The Perfect Chicago Neighborhood".

EGA has great opportunities for members to volunteer. Help work toward a better neighborhood by donating your time. **Take advantage of the opportunity to join your neighbors as a volunteer member of the Board of directors of EGA or as an elected officer.**

EGA meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7 pm at ECC Office, 6044 N. Broadway. Stay on top of neighborhood information by including your e-mail address. Our webmaster will keep you posted on local meetings, activities, 48th Ward Office notices and other valuable information.

Current EGA Officers:

President-Tim Later
1st VP-Jeff Wegerson
2nd VP-Kim Kaulas
3rd VP-Steve Meiss
Treasurer-Steve Bishop
Recording Secretary-Dawn Wyman
Corresponding Secretary-Betty Morita

EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBERSHIP

Yes, I want to join!

Name _____ phone # _____

Address _____ e-mail address _____

Dues: \$10, individuals and families

\$25, Institutions and businesses

Please enclose a check with your name and address and mail to or drop off at:

**EDGEWATER GLEN ASSOCIATION
1229 W. Glenlake
Chicago 60660**

Put your Garden in the EDGEWATER GLEN Garden Walk
Sunday, July 10, 2011
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

I live on the 1200-1300 block of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood or Granville and I wish to open my garden for the EGA Garden Walk 2011:

name _____ address _____

Phone # _____

poison free yard or garden

Back yard only Front yard only both front and back yard

Special features of my garden are: _____

Please mail or drop off form: Jeff Wegerson, 1240 W. Hood, 533-2795 by July 1, 2011. You may also contact Kim Kaulas 773:761-3668

Register for door prize drawing.

Enjoy refreshments at select **locations.**

Edgewater Glen Association

Annual Garden

Walk

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

View beautiful gardens in the eastern half of
Edgewater Glen

(Glenwood Ave. to Broadway, Norwood to Granville)

See back yards, front yards, flower, fruit,
Vegetable and Water gardens.

\$5.00 donation, children free